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SUBJECT: GOS OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXAMINING HUMAN RIGHTS  
MATTERS IN SWEDISH FOREIGN POLICY

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1. HANS DANIELIUS, DIRECTOR, LEGAL DIVISION, MFA, IS PRINCIPAL  
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER FOR EXAMINING HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATIONS IN  
SWEDISH FOREIGN POLICY. DANIELIUS WAS CHIEF SWEDISH DELEGATE TO  
MEETING LAST FEBRUARY OF UN COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
WORKED CLOSELY THERE WITH US REP ALLARD LOWENSTEIN (SEE STOCKHOLM  
543). DANIELIUS WAS INFORMED ON NOVEMBER 23 OF INTEREST OF  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN IN MEETING SWEDISH OFFICIALS IN  
SWEDEN OR WASHINGTON. DANIELIUS SAID DERIAN WOULD BE MOST  
WELCOME HERE AND HE WAS CERTAIN THAT FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS  
COULD BE HELD.

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2. OTHER SWEDISH MFA "EXPERTS" IN HUMAN RIGHTS AREA  
WOULD INCLUDE GOS REPS TO CURRENT CSCE FOLLOW-UP MEETING  
IN BELGRADE: AMBASSADOR BERTIL ARVIDSON, DELEGATION HEAD;  
AMBASSADOR CAI MOLIN; AND SECTION CHIEF KERSTIN ASP-JOHNSON.  
WE SHOULD ADD, OF COURSE, THAT THE MFA, DESPITE THE  
COMPLEXITY OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY, CONTINUES TO BE COMPOSED  
OF A RELATIVELY SMALL GROUP OF CAREER OFFICERS. THE TOP

LEADERSHIP, THEREFORE, IS ABLE TO DISCUSS, IN CONSIDERABLE DETAIL AND WITH GREAT AUTHORITY, ALL ASPECTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS OF INTEREST TO GOS. THESE TOP OFFICIALS WOULD INCLUDE FM KARIN SODER, SECGEN LEIF LEIFLAND AND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR KNUT THYBERG.

3. AREAS OF MAJOR SWEDISH CONCERN IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD ARE CHILE, ARGENTINA, SOUTHERN AFRICA, UGANDA AND SOUTH KOREA. GOS LEADERS HAVE ALSO SPOKEN OUT STRONGLY, ALTHOUGH NOT AS FREQUENTLY, AGAINST PATTERNS OF VIOLATIONS IN SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE, PARTICULARLY CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

4. IN THE UN CONTEXT, SWEDEN CONTINUES TO BE EXTRAORDINARILY ACTIVE IN HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS--BUT PARTICULARLY IN FOLLOWING FOUR AREAS: (1) TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS; (2) CHILE; (3) CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE; AND (4) ABOLISHMENT OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT. SWEDEN ALSO IS A CO-SPONSOR OF PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH POSITION OF HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO STOCKHOLM 4849 WHICH DESCRIBES SWEDISH NON-GOVERNMENTAL HUMAN RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS, A LIST HEADED BY THE SWEDISH BRANCH OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. SHOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR DERIAN TO VISIT STOCKHOLM, EMBASSY WOULD HOPE SHE WOULD AGREE TO MAKE ONE OR MORE PUBLIC APPEARANCES TO DISCUSS NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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EMPHASIS IN US HUMAN RIGHTS POLICIES, AND WHERE SHE MIGHT MAKE DIRECT CONTACT WITH SUCH ORGANIZATIONS.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE WOULD BE GREAT UTILITY IN EARLY VISIT TO STOCKHOLM BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DERIAN AND HOPES HER SCHEDULE WILL PERMIT.  
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